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- 11. To date, Hong Kong and Macau SAR governments have not offered any direct humanitarian support to Haiti relief efforts. Instead, the Hong Kong government has encouraged local NGOs to apply for grants from the government's Disaster Relief Fund.
- Several Hong Kong-based charities and NGOs have collected donations. The Hong Kong Red Cross and World Vision Hong Kong have raised over HK\$7.5 million (US\$966,000) and HK\$6 million (US\$773,000) respectively as of January 18. As of January 19, the Macau Red Cross and Macau World Vision raised MOP 950,000 (US\$114,000) and MOP350,000 (US\$44,000) respectively. MARUT